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SEC Settles Fraud Claims With Developers Over EB-5 Offering

Three Texas developers must pay over $51 million to settle securities fraud charges that they duped 90 Chinese investors into funding what they believed was a real estate project that would allow them to obtain permanent residency in the United States, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission announced Wednesday. Read full article »

Parker Drilling Enters Voluntary Prearranged Ch. 11

Offshore drilling services provider Parker Drilling Co. Wednesday filed for Chapter 11 in a Texas bankruptcy court with what it said was a prepackaged plan to cut its funded debt by two-thirds. Read full article »

Greenberg Traurig Launches Video Game, Esports Group

Greenberg Traurig LLP on Tuesday announced the formation of its new video game and esports group, which is set to serve clients in the billion-dollar entertainment industry. Read full article »

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Fundraiser Gets Prison For Role In Ex-Congressman's Scam

A former fundraising specialist for now-imprisoned former U.S. Rep. Stephen Stockman, R-Texas, was sentenced by a federal judge in Houston on Wednesday to 18 months in prison for his role in a scam where funds solicited as charitable contributions were instead used to finance political campaigns and cover personal expenses. Read full article »

AriseBank Execs Settle SEC's ICO Scam Claims For $2.7M

Two top executives of the now-shuttered AriseBank have agreed to pay a combined $2.7 million to settle claims by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission that the cryptobank fraudulently raised money in an unregistered initial coin offering, the regulator told a Texas federal court on Tuesday. Read full article »

LITIGATION

Texas Law School Walks Back Student's Exam Ban

The University of North Texas at Dallas College of Law on Wednesday agreed to let a first-year student back on campus to take his final exams despite a suspension over alleged threats he made, after the student filed suit in Texas state court. Read full article »

DEALS

Energy Co. Cavalcade Midstream Gets $150M Equity Funding

Texas-based, full-service midstream energy company Cavalcade Midstream said Wednesday that it has received a total equity commitment of $150 million, forming a partnership that was guided by Norton Rose Fulbright and saw Thompson & Knight LLP advising the investors. Read full article »

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EXPERT ANALYSIS

TC Heartland's Impact In 2018

The U.S. Supreme Court decided TC Heartland v. Kraft Foods in May 2017, revitalizing the patent venue statute. Alex Chachkes and Josh Montgomery of Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP review its impact over the past year and a half. Read full article »

Inside Key ABA Guidance On Attorneys' Cybersecurity Duties

A recent opinion from the American Bar Association provides useful guidance on attorneys' obligations to guard against cyberattacks, protect electronic client information and respond if an attack occurs, says Joshua Bevitz of Newmeyer & Dillion LLP. Read full article »

10 Tips For Law Firms To Drive Revenue Via Sports Tickets

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LEGAL INDUSTRY

The 6 Law Firms Clients Say Provide The Most Value

Six law firms have been recognized by in-house counsel as the best of the best at providing value for their dollar in a new report released Wednesday. Read full article »

In-House Attys Name Best Firms For Client Service

Corporate clients have named the 30 law firms they think provide the best client service in the industry, and three law firms are on that list for the 18th year in a row, according to a report released Wednesday. Read full article »

Cohen Gets 3 Years For Russia Lies, Paying Trump Women

A Manhattan federal judge sentenced Michael Cohen, President Donald Trump's former lawyer, to three years in prison Wednesday for a "smorgasbord" of crimes, including paying off two women who said they had affairs with the president, lying to Congress about Russia, and dodging taxes on $4.1 million of income. Read full article »

Ex-Judges Urge ICE Not To Detain Immigrants In Courthouses

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement should refrain from making arrests or conducting other enforcement activities at the nation's courthouses, 68 former state and federal judges argued Wednesday in a letter to the federal agency. Read full article »

NY Judge Resigns After Allegations Of Homophobic Remarks

An upstate New York judge has resigned following an ethics complaint that claimed he made homophobic remarks to a local attorney, allegedly using "gay" as a derogatory term when referring to a film festival and suggesting that the attorney and film star Viggo Mortensen should "get a hotel room." Read full article »

Law Firm Leaders: Frankfurt Kurnit's Jeffrey Greenbaum

Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz PC managing partner Jeffrey Greenbaum spoke to Law360 about the challenges and advantages of operating as a midsize firm, why firm culture is paramount to success and why the firm takes a contrarian view when it comes to law firm growth. Read full article »

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